

February
2014

church family matters

 **Holy Trinity**
Combe Down

 **St Andrew's**
Community Church

 **Trinity at St Matts**



We are very excited to announce that the PCC decided at their meeting on Tuesday to go ahead and take steps to partner with CAP to open a Debt Centre.

Opening a CAP Debt Centre will connect us with people in our church and community who are suffering as a result of debt so that we can share God's love together in a practical way. CAP manages all the elements of the actual debt counselling centrally.

In order for this to happen, we need to commit to significant resources:

- Appointing a Centre Manager
- Appointing a support team of 'befrienders' who provide friendship and practical and spiritual help to the clients (this could work in conjunction with our family supporters scheme run by Sharon)
- A £6k per annum contribution to CAP (already budgeted for)

The Centre Manager would work 2 days a week on a voluntary basis and would be responsible for making the visits to the clients and explaining the budget once CAP has negotiated with all creditors. It is more of a pastoral and evangelistic role than a financial role as CAP negotiates with the creditors and devises the actual budget for the client.

If you would be interested to find out more about the 'centre manager' role or the 'befriender' role, please contact Sally Buddle (curate@htcd.org).



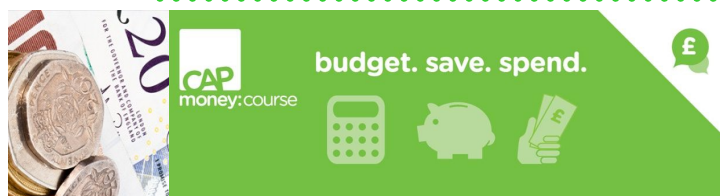
'SPEAK UP

for those who cannot speak for themselves,
for the rights of all who are destitute.

SPEAK UP

and judge fairly; defend the rights of
the poor and needy. 5

Proverbs 31:8-9



In January our first **CAP money course** took place at St Andrew's and was attended by 12 people.

The course is for anyone who would like to be more in control

of their finances and the next one will run on Monday evenings in February (3rd, 10th, 17th) at 7.30 pm at St Andrew's.

If you would like to book a place, contact Richard and Janet Beattie, who are running the course on

CAP Money Course
Mon 3, 10, 17 Feb



Interview with Tim West

How long have you been coming to **htcd**?
Since 2009

Which service do you normally come to and why?
10.30 at HTCD and 7 pm at St Matt's – Both are my family and I enjoy being with them.

How has being members of **htcd** helped you to grow in your faith? *I have been so blessed with the friends I have made at HTCD and St Matt's and I have really enjoyed being given the opportunity to lead and serve in the church. This has helped me grow hugely in my faith.*

What areas of church life really excite you?
Prayer is by far the biggest area that excites me and the chance to pray with the Church on Monday evenings.

Which are the areas you serve in?
Sound Team; Leading the Monday evening prayer meeting; Part of the Share the Fire Team (This has been a huge blessing and encouragement) Preaching/ leading and Life Hub leader at St Matt's.

What's been your best moment in your time here?
The best moment was being given a chance to lead the St Matt's service and to grow into this ministry.

What role do small groups play for you in church? *Great – I love the chance to share life with people – helps build community.*

Favourite ever service?! Or church event?
I absolutely loved the St Matt's Weekend Away 2013 – this was so so special

A funny moment in church?
Tim Buckley's sermons are hilarious and also I enjoy it when Tim forgets the words during worship!



Tim on a recent trip to Kenya with the Turkana people

HTCD Discipleship Group—Wed 12,19,26 March, 2,9,16 April

A 6 week course run by Paul and Clare which is open to anyone and particularly to newcomers. If you would like to come along, please contact Sarah in the office (leadership@htcd.org)



Fri 14—Fri 21 March

From 8 pm on Fri 14 March to 8 pm on Fri 21 March, we are inviting you to join us for non-stop prayer in Holy Trinity.

A team from St Matt's, HTCD and StACC have come together to create a wonderful space to pray in the presence of God and be empowered in prayer. We want to encourage prayer across all our congregations.

Everyone is encouraged to sign up for a

one hour slot online (www.24-7prayer.com/signup/730df8) or in church from mid February.

Friday 14 March, 8 pm—The week will be launched by the youth at their regular Friday evening youth event

Saturday 15 March, 3—5 pm—A special families slot using the whole church space. Rob and Sharon will be giving creative ideas encouraging families to pray together.

Homegroups may want to consider signing up for a block of hours together

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PCC News

In addition to our exciting news about partnering with CAP, the PCC also looked at the following points:

FINANCES Planning for Pledge Sunday (2 Feb) when our treasurer John Talbot will give an update on our finances.

INTERNS We will be advertising for 2 new interns to start in September 2013

WEBSITE Someone is needed to help

with website management for 3 hours a week. Details in notice sheet.

StACC UPDATE See below for info on the StACC youth group starting. At StACC Sunday children's groups, over half the children come to church without their parents, which puts a lot of pressure on the team. Prayer needed for how to resource these groups, volunteers needed.

Please pray for our next meeting on Sat 15 March where staff and PCC meet together

New Foxhill Youth Group

Following over 2 years of building relationships with a group of young people on Foxhill through Sunday morning football, and trips to 'Hidden Woods', we are now starting a YOUTH GROUP on Thursdays from 7—8.30 pm at StACC for these young people (aged 11—18) and their friends. We have a team of people from StACC to run it including Rob Archer, Mike Bogg, Suzie and Peter Houston, Steve Rogers, Sally Buddle, Gary Marchant, Maz White, Sam Mason, Mario, and Kate Pizzezy. They would really value your prayers.

 **St Andrew's**
HTCD Community Church

Please pray for the team and the young people

Opening the Door on Islam

Sat 8 March
10 am — 1 pm

St Andrew's
Community Church,
Hawthorn Grove

Speaker: Gerard Charles

Gerard is a member of HTCD and has worked and lived with Muslims in China. See flyer/notice sheet for further details

What to look forward to in the next few months....

FEBRUARY

7-9

HTCD Women's Weekend,
Hebron Hall, Cardiff

Sat 22

Men's Supper, Speaker: David Rowe, Lee Abbey

MARCH

Tues 4

Prayer and Pancakes,
Bath Abbey, 7.30 pm

Sat 8

Opening the Door on Islam
(see above)

Sun 9

Joint Confirmation/Baptism
Service with MC Senior School, at HT, 5.30 pm

Getting involved, serving at *htcd*, *StACC* and *St Matt's*

If you have not yet found an area to serve in, might the following be for you? Contact the office to find out more.

Volunteers needed to:


- be part of the 'sound team' at our HTCD Sunday morning services
- be part of the children's team at StACC on Sunday mornings

Using our gifts
to serve one
another and our
community



HTCD CHILDREN'S TEAM



Children aged 6-11 last term followed a series called "They can do it". This has involved children learning about the different roles and ministries in the church. After looking at the ministry of preaching it was lovely to see Ben Mason leading the all age ministry talk on a Sunday morning. After looking at prayer, we asked the children to write their own version of the Lord's prayer. After collating all their responses, here is their collective prayer. 



Our younger children (Galaxies, aged 2-4) have been learning about Moses and making praise banners.

Date for your diary—Easterama, Good Friday morning (Fri 18 April) - Easter Family Crafts.

*Father God, We THANK YOU that You are
AWESOME , EPIC,
HOLY AND POWERFUL.
You are the God Almighty,
So please do what You want to do here,
And USE US TO DO IT.
Please give us all the food we need,
especially in places where people
are going hungry.
And help us at school
and with our family and friends.
Forgive us for what we do wrong and help
us to do the right thing.
Please help us not to listen to the devil.
Because God YOU ARE AMAZING
AND YOU RULE FOREVER!
AMEN!*